

EUROPE UNDER ARMS, AWAITING CALL TO WAR

France and England Working for Peace But
With Faint Hope of Averting Mighty Struggle

Communication Cut Off, Trans-Atlantic Service Abandoned
—Martial Law in Russia.

STATE OF SIEGE
IS DECLARED BY
GERMAN EMPIRE

Report Says Germany is
About to Make Fur-
ther Demands.

LITTLE HOPE OF
AVERTING CLASH

Imperial Ukase by the Czar
Declares Martial Law in
the Finnish Territory—
France is Fully Prepared.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, July 31.—There are only a few factors tonight giving the faintest hope of averting a general European war. Russia and Austria are engaged again in direct negotiations and France and England are working hard in favor of peace.

On the other hand, Russia has ordered general mobilization and Germany has declared a state of siege, which undoubtedly is a prelude to if it does not actually cover mobilization.

France has not mobilized but the cabinet council has issued decree taking action which would only be determined upon the eve of war. Unofficially the French army is being virtually mobilized.

An unconfirmed report published in Rome says that Germany is about to demand that Russia and France cease mobilization. Another rumor is that the German ambassador has notified the French government of his early departure.

England is practically, but not officially, mobilized. All the smaller European countries as a precaution, have ordered mobilization to protect their territory from being used as a highway for belligerents.

Italy makes no announcement, though rumor credits her with a decision not to participate. There is little doubt that she is making ready for mobilization.

Communication across Europe has been cut off and there is universal application of censorship. All code telegrams are refused.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN
WORKING FOR PEACE

Paris, July 31.—France and Great Britain are making a final effort to find a way to avoid war compatible with the dignity and interests of both Russia and Austria. For this reason Premier Asquith today further post-

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TO BRING SHIPS
UNDER U.S. FLAG

Presidents Wants Law Ad-
mitting All Vessels
To Registry

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson has a plan for bringing much of the shipping of the world under the American flag during European troubles by having congress pass a law admitting to American registration the vessels of other nations. He summoned Senator Kern and Representative Underwood today to discuss the advisability of introducing such bills in congress. Under existing laws it is impossible for foreign ships to take American registration. In 1870, Germany and France were on the eve of war, and President Grant took the position that the commercial vessels of the United States were not adequate to meet the demands which a European war would impose upon the commerce of the United States.

UNITED STATES
FULLY PREPARED
FOR ANY CRISIS

Immense Store of Gold and
Silver is Available in
the Treasury

EMERGENCY BILL
WILL AID BANKS

President Today Will Sign
Hastily Passed Bill by
Which Five Hundred
Million Dollars May be
Used.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, July 31.—The senate banking committee, at a hastily called meeting late today, voted unanimously and favorably reported to the senate a bill removing certain restrictions on the issue of emergency currency by national banks under the Aldrich-Vreeland act. The bill was unanimously passed in the senate few minutes later.

Secretary McAdoo announced that five hundred million dollars of the emergency currency issue in the treasury would be immediately made available to national banks.

The bill passed hastily late today by the senate modifies the clause providing that banks of national currency associations, to avail themselves of the issue, must have outstanding currency notes "secured by bonds of the United States to an amount of not less than forty per cent its capital." The amendment passed gives the secretary of the treasury authority to ignore this restriction.

The bill will be passed early tomorrow by the house and will probably be signed by the president before night.

REASSURE COUNTRY.

To reassure the country against any threatening financial dangers growing out of the European situation, the president tomorrow will send to the senate the nomination of a successor to Jones, he will probably name Edwin P. Porter, a Chicago banker and a republican. Warburg has stated that he would appear before the committee tomorrow for examination, putting aside all personal consideration in view of the situation.

Senator Owen announced that with fifteen hundred million dollars in gold and silver in treasury, one hundred and fifty million dollars in the gold reserve; one hundred and thirty million dollars of free gold in the general fund and five hundred million dollars in emergency currency available, the United States was able to face any financial crisis.

Fear for Safety
of German Liner

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, July 31.—There is much speculation here over the fate of the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, en route from New York to Bremen in event war is declared before her arrival. The vessel might be captured by a French or English cruiser. She has much gold aboard.

PHILADELPHIA FAILURE.

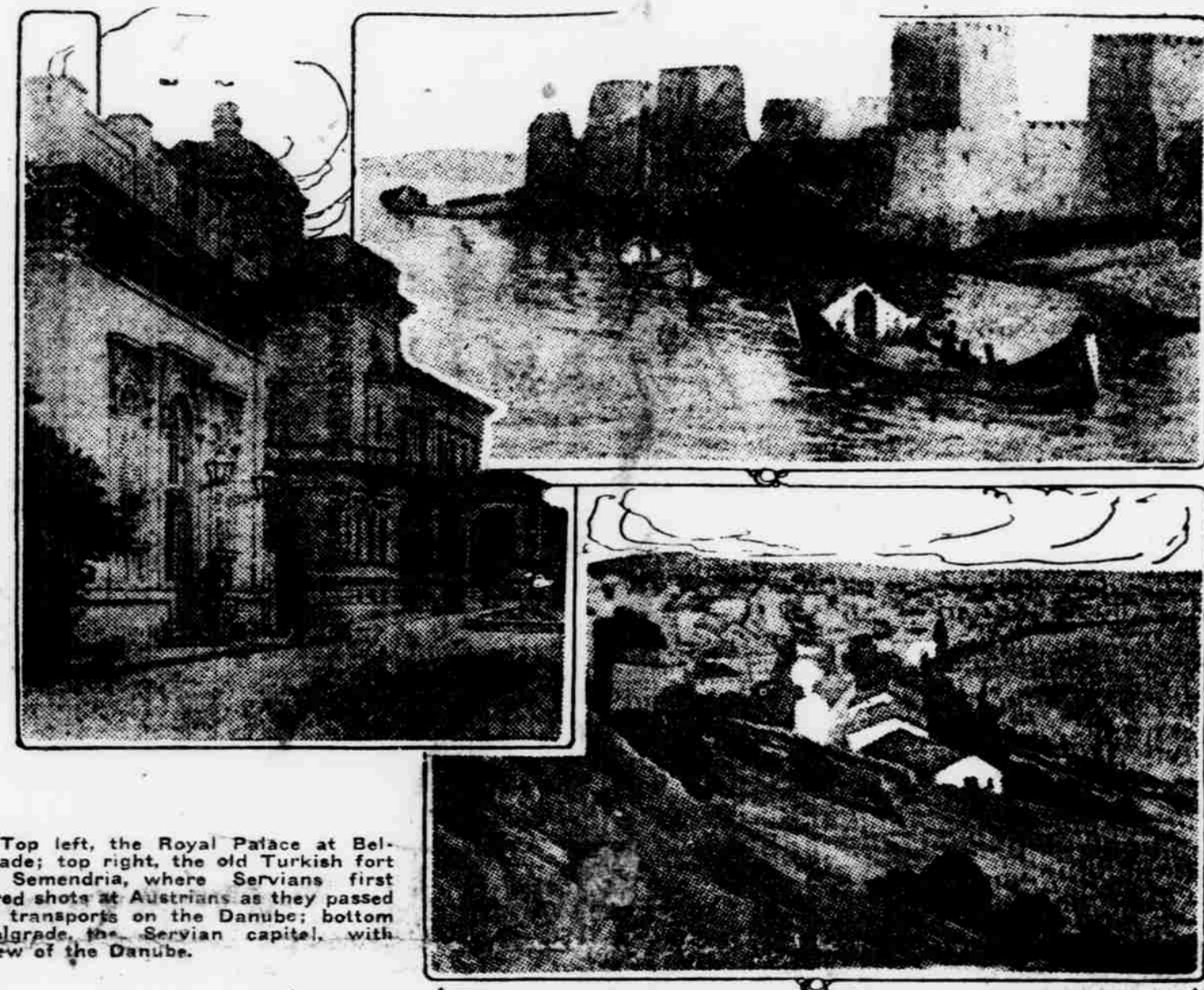
Philadelphia, July 31.—The Philadelphia stock exchange today announced that Hower, Howe & Co., of this city, had announced their inability to meet their contracts.

WILL STOP MILITANCY.

London, July 31.—The headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization today sent a proclamation to all its branches in the United Kingdom ordering the cessation of all acts of militancy during the continuance of the international crisis.

MAILS SUSPENDED.

St. Petersburg, July 31.—The mail train for Germany did not leave St. Petersburg tonight and the line of boats running to Stockholm, Sweden, has been stopped.

Scene of Fighting Along Historic Danube;
Capital of the Serbs and Palace at Belgrade

Top left, the Royal Palace at Belgrade; top right, the old Turkish fort at Semendria, where Serbians first fired shots at Austrians as they passed in transports on the Danube; bottom, Belgrade, the Serbian capital, with view of the Danube.

Vast Machinery of
Markets is Halted

Last Great Securities Mar-
ket of the World, at
New York Closed.

New Orleans Market Was
Closed in the Middle
of the Morning

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, July 31.—The vast machinery of the securities markets today for an indefinite period. Its occurrence is unprecedented in history. The continental exchanges closed several days ago with the London market following suit today. The New York market has virtually been bearing the world's financial burdens all the week.

After hesitation for a period of nervous tension, it was decided today, ten minutes before the hour set for the beginning that the exchange would not open. The action closed the last great market of the world. All other American exchanges followed suit.

The New Orleans cotton market was abruptly closed in the middle of the morning's business by the exchange board of directors, who considered that the gravity of the European situation warranted suspension of business. The close was at a net loss of sixty-nine to seventy points.

The Chicago wheat market was saved by the Armour interests, which went to the rescue of the traders, averting a panic. Instead of chaos, with possibly scores of firms embarrassed and the virtual certainty of bankruptcies, the board of trade was enabled to maintain its record of never having closed, no matter how great the emergency.

The decision to close the New York Stock Exchange came suddenly and unexpectedly. It was reached at a meeting of bankers at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. The meeting was attended by Mr. Morgan and H. P. Davidson, his partner; Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank; A. E. Heppburn, chairman of the Chase National Bank and Francis L. Hine, president of the First National Bank. After consulting governors of the stock exchange it was decided that the strain upon credits might reach a dangerous degree if the exchanges were open.

No definite period for the closing of the exchange has been set. Stock exchange houses have notified their offices not to make deliveries for received stock until further notice.

ENGLAND READY
IN THE FAR EAST

Active Preparations for
War Going on at All
China Ports

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Hong Kong, China, July 31.—Most active preparations are going on here in view of eventualities. The Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Asia has been chartered by the government and guns are being mounted on board. At the dock yards work is proceeding night and day and double guards have been placed on duty. All the troops have been confined to barracks, and leave has been stopped.

The British battleship Triumph today took on war stores and is prepared for action. All the boundaries of the colony are guarded.

Given Passports
to the Continent

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

London, July 31.—Steamship companies today raised their prices to the maximum. In contrast to the rush for berths today, a lot of Americans applied at the United States embassy for passports so that they might visit continental countries. Many girls declined to listen to the advice of embassy officials and were given their passports under the direction of Secretary of State Bryan, who had given instructions that all Americans wishing to visit the continent should be supplied with them.

NEW YORK BANKERS
ISSUE STATEMENT

New York, July 31.—Governors of the New York stock exchange have appointed a committee of five members headed by President Noble to consider and settle all questions which might arise as a result of the closing of the exchange has been set. A reassuring statement by the bankers of New York, through their representatives and the clearing house committee was issued later.

WOULD INSIST
ON SETTLEMENT
WITH BAYONETS

Tampico Leaders Predict
No Settlement With
Carbajal.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Vera Cruz, July 31.—The Constitutionalist leaders at Tampico predict there will be no peace conference between the Carranza delegates and Carbajal representatives at Saltillo, where the Carbajal delegation is expected tomorrow. The Constitutionalist leaders in the Tampico district insist on a settlement by fighting and are surprised that Carranza should receive the delegates.

BRYAN CONFIDENT.

Washington, July 31.—Secretary Bryan told Minister Suarez, of Chile, after discussing the Mexican situation today, that he was confident an agreement would soon be reached between the Constitutionalist and Carbajal for the transfer of the Mexican government. Mr. Bryan felt sure that amnesty and a guarantee would be given by Carranza.

Hong Kong to be
The Naval Base

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Peking, July 31.—Hong Kong is to be made the British naval base in Chinese waters and in case of war the German possession of Tsing Tau is to be blocked.

Tsing Tau is fortified on both the land and the sea sides. The Germans believe that the fortifications will afford them ample protection.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth, on which the guard from the Austrian legation embarked a few days ago, will not attempt the voyage home but will remain at Tsing Tau.

MURDERER HANGED.

Chicago, July 31.—Henry Spencer, murderer of Mrs. Allison Spencer Rexroat was hanged today in the county jail at Wheaton. He shot Mrs. Rexroat through her head, took her suit case and diamond ring and placed the body on a railroad track.

RUSSIA SPY CAUGHT.

Amenstein, Ger., July 31.—A Russian spy was arrested here today. He is said to belong to the St. Petersburg military intelligence department.

LOST LIFE IN SURF
WHILE BATHING AT
SANTA ROSA BEACHEXCITEMENT AT
BOILING HEAT IN
ST. PETERSBURG

All Classes Flock to Regis-
ter Amid Great
Enthusiasm

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

St. Petersburg, July 31.—The population of the Russian capital kept awake throughout the night and the streets resounded with the din of patriotic demonstrations. A quick succession of special editions of the newspapers kept the excitement at boiling point and the vendors had a hard time supplying those anxious to see the latest despatches.

Great processions paraded the streets, the demonstrators carrying banners and portraits of the emperor. The emperor and the army both were cheered.

Impromptu meetings were held in all parts of the city and the suburbs and orators roused their audiences to an unprecedented frenzy of enthusiasm.

Striking scenes were witnessed at the mobilization offices whither people of all classes flocked to register their names. The tension of feeling was so great that utter strangers on the street in their patriotic excitement greeted and embraced one another.

Enthusiastic for
War in Austria

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Vienna, July 31.—The tension in Vienna was greater today than at any time since the start of the international crisis, although nothing definitely had occurred to change the situation for the worse.

The Vienna Presse insists today that Russia must cease its mobilization and must say distinctly and unreservedly what she intends to do. Popular enthusiasm in connection with the war against Serbia shows no signs of abatement. An appeal for Red Cross nurses today met with an immediate response from 1,000 women belonging to all classes of society, who called at the hospitals and registered their names.

Germans Believe
War Must Come

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Berlin, July 31.—General feeling throughout Germany is that only a miracle can prevent war and the country spent an anxious day of waiting for the solution of the existing doubts as to whether the crisis would result in peace or war.

Meanwhile the German government put forth the greatest exertions to prevent the spread of alarming rumors and false news. It ordered the confiscation of four newspapers which had printed an erroneous report that mobilization had been ordered and the authorities established the strictest censorship over news and other despatches sent from Germany.

HEAVY FIGHTING BY
TROOPS ON FRONTIERS

London, July 31.—Despatches from Nish, in Serbia, and from Vienna tell of encounters between Austrian and Serbian troops on the frontiers. Authentic denials of the fighting were lacking.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson plans to appeal to the patriotism of the managers and employees of the Western railways to avoid a strike on the face of a threatened general European war, and the consequent paralysis of crop moving.

WILL AID ENGLAND.

Lisbon, July 31.—The newspapers of the Portuguese capital today remind the public that the treaty of alliance between Portugal and Great Britain requires Portugal to furnish ten thousand troops to England when she is at war.

U. S. OFFICERS RECALLED.

Geneva, Switzerland, July 31.—Several American naval officers on leave in Switzerland were recalled today on orders from Washington. To defend Swiss neutral territory, a partial mobilization was ordered. Food has risen in price from 10 to 20 per cent.

VERA CRUZ NEUTRAL.

Washington, July 31.—Vera Cruz undoubtedly will be declared a neutral port under the neutrality proclamation President Wilson will issue in the event of a general European war.

Robert Moran, L. & N.
Master Mechanic, Meets
Sudden Death.

HUNDREDS SEE
FINAL STRUGGLE

Belief Expressed That His
Death Was Due to Heart
Trouble Although Certi-
ficate of Physician Says
"Drowning."

Robert Moran, 56 years of age, master mechanic of the Nashville terminal of the Louisville & Nashville railroad & N. C. & S. L. with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., was drowned yesterday afternoon at Santa Rosa island, while in the surf. His remains were shipped last night at 10.30 o'clock to his home in Nashville, and officials of the company, who were here in a private car, went home on the same train.

Immediately upon the remains reaching the city, having been raised to Pensacola on a fast boat, the body was conveyed to the undertaking parlors of Nortrup & Wood, on West Intendencia street, the ambulance meeting the boat on the south end of Palafox wharf. Reaching the undertaking parlors, the body was carefully examined by Dr. F. G. Renshaw, who gave a certificate of death by accidental drowning.

The body was immediately prepared for shipment to the home of deceased in Nashville, where Mrs. Moran and five children reside.

C. F. Giles, of Louisville, superintendent of machinery of the L. & N., who was in the city on his private car and who was accompanied by Mr. Moran, went north also, the car being attached to the train which left at the hour named. Mr. Giles is well known in Pensacola, where he resided for a number of years.

HUNDREDS ON BEACH

Several hundred people were either on the beach or in the surf at the time Mr. Moran lost his life, and when it was noticed that the unfortunate visitor was beyond his depth, a cry was immediately raised. A number of men who were in the surf tried to reach him with the life preserver. J. Forrest, 492 South Palafox street, was among the first, although Mr. Forrest said that young men whom he did not know were with him at the time.

"If he drowned," said Mr. Forrest, "it is certainly surprising to me, for when we reached him he appeared to be a victim of heart trouble, for he floated with his face downward, and when we got him to the beach and a number of us rolled him on a barrel, which I believe Mr. Oliver found some where, no water came from him. Personally, I believe he died from heart disease—apoplexy or some sudden attack of something else."

STATEMENT OF WITNESS.

When Mr. Moran some distance out, and he thought the man was out too far for safety.

"Just about the time I called attention to him," said Mr. Wolf, "several young men who were in the water began to cry that a man had been drowned, and of course that caused all manner of excitement. Mr. Reese, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Wentworth and another gentleman whom I do not know, started out with the life line. The surf and tide was very strong, but a very strong swimmer, and I think but two actually reached the body, although they all tried to rescue him. When he reached shore, I saw he was a dead man, and after he had been worked on for some minutes, and showed no signs of life, I thought he had died from a sudden stroke of apoplexy or something like that. He was a man, I should judge, of about 60 years of age, and was a pleas-

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SERVE NOTICE
ON AMERICANS

Consuls in Europe Will
Keep in Touch With
Travelers.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, July 31.—American consuls throughout Europe soon will receive instructions to get into close communication with all American residents and travelers in their districts. If a general war breaks out they will serve notice that Americans should remove themselves and their property from localities which may become dangerous.

There has been some discussion of the possibility of using American naval vessels to supplement the limited number of ships in the American merchant marine to bring home American consuls but Secretary Daniels today had not taken up the subject.